aroused curiosity, vultures whose ruthless beaks would tear out the heart's deepest secrets. Hungry sheep looked up, and were fed by them. Into the Kremlin they had penetrated, met Hitler face to face, waited in Addis Ababa for the rains or Mussolini's army, speeded to distant Manchuria; nor neglected Gandhi's abstemious court, Balkan complexities, King Carol's amours. They had a song to sing, oh, and sang it readily and heartily.

First in the field were the American correspondents, They were less trammelled than their English colleagues, more mobile and more energetic. Their own adventurous lives enlivened the information they had to impart and the morals they pointed. Love affairs and *coup d'etats* mingled together; gossip made facts more palatable, facts made gossip more impressive. In the messages they sent to their newspapers, they could be unrestrained; seen across the Atlantic Ocean, the affairs of Europe presented an unedifying spectacle which called for righteous indignation and stern judgments. Where on questions of domestic policy, the editorial policy they served was cautious and equivocal, on questions of British foreign policy, it was reckless and straightforward. Correspondents might, and did, complain to their hearts' content of Abyssinia's and Czechoslovakia's and India's wrongs, when their livelihood might have been endangered if they had allowed their sympathy with the victims of oppression to extend to American Negroes; they might, and did, fulminate against League Members' betrayal of their Covenant, when a campaign to induce the

United States to accept, and righteously fulfil, its obligations, would have been highly distasteful to their employers. The side of the angels has everything to recommend it as long as operations are conducted far enough away and their outcome is a matter of indifference.

On the side of the angels these American correspondents indubitably were. They did not spare the feelings of the many English readers who meekly accepted theit instruction. Fervidly, they condemned British policy, and were scandalised to see such perfidy and lack of resolution where in the past had been upright-ness and strength. Perhaps it was fitting that the English should